

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed February 22, 2008 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Claims 1 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The Applicant has amended claims 1 and 19 as noted above and requests that the rejection be withdrawn. The Applicant has amended claims 4, 7-10, 12-16, 20, 22, 25-27, and 30-34 to correct antecedent basis.

Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0038400 A1 to *Fukushima* (hereinafter “*Fukushima*”) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0291455 A1 to *Katz et al.* (hereinafter “*Katz*”). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

According to Chapter 2143.03 of the M.P.E.P., in order to “establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art.” The Applicant submits that neither *Fukushima* nor *Katz*, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests all the features recited in claims 1-36. More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite a mobile terminal comprising, among other features, a first interface, which facilitates wired communications via a service node with a first communication network, and a second interface, which facilitates wireless communications via the service node with a second communications network. Claim 19 has been amended to include similar features. The Applicant has reviewed both *Fukushima* and *Katz* and submits that neither reference, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests a mobile terminal having a first interface, which facilitates wired communications via a service node with a first communication network, and a second interface, which facilitates wireless communications via the same service node with a second communications network.

Claim 1 has also been amended to recite a control system adapted to establish a communication session associated with a first indicia using signaling with a service node over communication networks via interfaces, where the first indicia is a communication session identification provided by the service node. Claim 19 has been amended to include similar features. The Applicant has reviewed the cited references and submits that neither *Fukushima* nor *Katz*, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests establishing a communication

session associated with a first indicia using signaling with a service node over communication networks via interfaces, where the first indicia is a communication session identification provided by the service node. Therefore, claims 1 and 19 are patentable over *Fukushima* and *Katz* and the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Likewise, claims 2, 3, 8-18, 20, 21, and 26-36, which variously depend from claim 1 or 19 are patentable for at least the same reasons along with the novel features recited therein.

Claim 4, which ultimately depends from claim 1, recites that “the control system is further adapted to register with a service node in association with the first address.” Claim 22, which ultimately depends from claim 19, includes similar features. The Applicant submits that neither of the references, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests registering with a service node in association with a first address. In maintaining the rejection, the Patent Office asserts that *Fukushima* discloses this feature in paragraph [0090].¹ The Applicant respectfully disagrees for a number of reasons. First, *Fukushima* does not disclose a service node as recited in claim 4. At most, *Fukushima* discloses a docking station, which allows for wired communication with an external device.² However, the docking station is not a service node that has service control functions, service data functions, specialized resource functions, and service switching/call control functions.

Second, even assuming *arguendo* that the docking station disclosed in *Fukushima* was somehow a service node as recited in claim 4, *Fukushima* still does not disclose registering with the docking station. At most, the cited portion of *Fukushima* discloses switching a communication interface between a personal computer and a docking station according to a state of docking and undocking between the personal computer and the docking station.³ However, nowhere is any mention made of registering with the docking station, either in the cited portion, or any other portion of *Fukushima*. Similarly, *Katz* does not disclose a service node nor registering with a service node in association with a first address. Therefore, in addition to the reasons noted above with respect to claims 1 and 19, claims 4 and 22 are patentable over the cited references and the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Similarly, claims 5-7 and 23-25, which variously depend from claim 4 or 22, recite the feature of registering with a

¹ See Final Office Action mailed February 22, 2008, page 5.

² See *Fukushima*, paragraph [0090].

³ See *Fukushima*, paragraph [0090].

service node in association with an address and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claims 4 and 22.

Moreover, the Applicant has added new claims 37 and 38, which respectively depend from claims 1 and 19. The Applicant submits that these claims are patentable over the cited references for at least same reasons discussed above with reference to claims 1 and 19 along with the novel features recited therein.

The present application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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